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SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN NOT AS BITTER AS FEARED

- 1. AN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN CLOSES, IT WORTH NOTING THAT WHILE UCR DID SHARPLY CRITICIZE PERONISTS DURING ITS COURSE, ATTACK WAS NEITHER IRRESPONSIBLE NOR COUCHED IN BITTER INVECTIVE. FOR HIS PART, PERON BY AND LARGE IGNORED BARBS OF UCR AND CONTINUED TO TALK OF NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY. IN SHORT, CAMPAIGN DID NOT RESULT IN SORT OF FREE-FOR-ALL WHICH MIGHT HAVE DESTROYED ANY POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING CONSENSUS AND MOVING TOWARD NATIONAL UNITY.
- 2. SUCH UNITY MAY NOT BE ACHIEVED, EVEN SO. MANY UCR MEMBERS STILL RESENTFUL OF WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN PERON'S TRICKERY IN LETTING THEM BELIEVE HE WANTED BALBIN ON A JOINT TICKET; THEY ARE NOW SUSPICIOUS OF ANYTHING HE PROPOSES. MANRIQUISTAS ARE EQUALLY SUSPICIOUS--OF UCR AS WELL AS PERONISTS, AND THERE ARE, OF COURSE, DEEP DIVISIONS WITHIN PERONIST MOVEMENT ITSELF.
- 3. NONETHELESS, WAY IS AT LEAST STILL OPEN TO DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSENSUS. PERON REPORTEDLY NOW TALKING AGAIN OF MIXED

CABINET AND LAST NIGHT IN HIS CONCLUDING CAMPAIGN SPEECH,
BALBIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INTER-PARTY COOPERATION AND
SAID HE HAD NO INTEREST IN OPENING OLD WOUNDS.
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